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SUBJECT: PROPOSED JOINT SURVEY OF TSUNAMI EFFECTS

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1. EMBASSY CANNOT, ON BASIS OF REFTEL A, CONCUR IN PROPOSAL FOR OFFICIAL U.S. PARTICIPATION IN JOINT SURVEY OF TSUNAMI EFFECTS. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY REFTEL A IS INSUFFICIENT BASIS FOR JUDGMENT AND DOES NOT ENTIRELY CHECK OUT AT THIS END.

2. REFTEL A DOES NOT INDICATE ANY AUTHORITATIVE POLICY LEVEL APPROACH FOR PROPOSED OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION (UNLIKE REFTEL B, WHICH CITES INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT MARCOS FOR PRIVATE ENGINEERING GROUP). AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE USG IS SOMEWHAT DELICATELY POISED, READY, WILLING BUT UNASKED, WITH RESPECT TO PARTICIPATION IN CURRENT DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

3. MOREOVER, AS WE UNDERSTAND GENESIS OF "INVITATION" TO NOAA, FATHER BADILLO FROM ATENEO UNIVERSITY'S MANILA OBSERVATORY AND NOW WITH INTERNATIONAL TSUNAMI INFORMATION CENTER IN HONOLULU, ON AUGUST 19 TELEPHONED WELLINGTON MINOZA CONCERNING NOAA PARTICIPATION AND INFORMED HIM THAT AN ITIC GROUP WOULD ARRIVE IN MANILA AUGUST 22 AND AN EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING RESEARCH INSTITUTE TEAM AUGUST 23. MINOZA TELLS US THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF NOAA PARTICIPATION AND ASSISTANCE WAS FIRST RAISED

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AT PAGASA TSUNAMI COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 20.

ASKED WHETHER NOAA PARTICIPATION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BEYOND PAGASA, MINOZA REPLIED IN NEGATIVE. MINOZA ASSUMED, HOWEVER, THAT GOP WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SCIENTIFIC ENDEAVOR CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL TSUNAMI WARNING EFFORTS.

4. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT EMBASSY EXERCISES DIRECT CONTROL OVER TRAVEL BY USG OFFICIALS TO AREAS OF PHILIPPINES WHERE CONDITIONS OF INSURGENCY AND BANDITRY PRESENT SIGNIFICANT RISK OF VIOLENCE, KIDNAPPING OR OTHER SECURITY AND POLITICAL RISKS. SUCH AREAS GENERALLY COINCIDE WITH THOSE JUST RAVAGED BY EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE AN INTEREST IN WHERE THE NOAA OFFICIALS PROPOSE TO TRAVEL AND UNDER WHAT SECURITY CONDIDITONS THAT GOES BEYOND ROUTINE CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

5. PAGASA DIRECTOR KINTANAR BEING UNAVAILABLE, WE HAVE ADVISED MINOZA OF OUR NEED FOR GOP POLICY LEVEL SPONSORSHIP OF THE PROPOSED NOAA PARTICIPATION. MINOZA READILY UNDERSTOOD AND SAID HE WOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM HIGHER GOP AUTHORITY, THIS WEEKEND IF POSSIBLE, OTHERWISE EARLY NEXT WEEK.  
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